

Remarks

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-10,13-21,23 and 26-31 is requested. Claims 11,12,22,24,25 and 59-62 were objected to, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

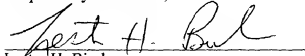
Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,258,632 issued to Sawada. Examiner contends it would be obvious to employ different temperatures for the deposition of the layers of Sawada. Further, in response to applicants' arguments, Examiner contends that Sawada's layers are "dopant blocking layers" because they make slow or difficult the passage of ions diffusing through the layers.

While applicants disagree with Examiner's contentions of obviousness and definition of a "dopant blocking layer", in order to speed prosecution claims 1 and 20 have been amended to contain the limitations of claims 59 and 61, respectively, which claims have been cancelled by this amendment. Claims 60 and 62 have been made dependent upon claims 1 and 20, respectively.

Since Examiner indicated that claims 59 and 61 would be allowable if written in independent form, independent claims 1 and 20 should now be allowable. Since all other claims are dependent upon claims 1 or 20, they should also be allowable without the need for further discussion.

Passage to issue is requested.

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